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11. (SBU) Per reftel, on February 25, post delivered para five talking points to Bosnian MFA Head of Department for Human Rights, Amb. Milenko Mistic, who was preparing to depart for Geneva to participate as a member of the Bosnian delegation at the upcoming UNHRC session.

12. (SBU) Delegation Composition: Mistic advised that the delegation would be headed by FM Sven Alkalaj, who was already en route to Geneva, and would also include Amb. Branimir Mandic, Director of Multilateral Affairs. Mistic opined that Alkalaj would be the key decision-maker on all points raised in reftel, and committed to passing our position to FM Alkalaj and Amb. Mandic upon joining them in Geneva. Poloff concurred with Mistic that coordination between BiH and U.S. delegations in Geneva would be advisable, and Mistic said BiH welcomed such coordination.

13. (SBU) Substantive points: Post raised all specific initiatives planned for the UNHRC session in reftel. Poloff recalled for Amb. Mistic the January 27 meeting between Amb. Mandic and Mission Geneva Legal Advisor Mansfield on the "defamation of religions" issue, noting the importance of this issue, and our hope that early engagement would make Bosnia's joining the U.S. position more possible. Poloff underlined the importance of UNHRC dealing productively and responsibly with country-specific situations, including issues related to the DPRK, Burma, Iran, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the Goldstone report.

14. (SBU) Mistic had no substantive reply at the time of demarche, but committed to engaging with U.S. delegation members in Geneva.  
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